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PREFACE

Public Health Office,
Health Centre,
Swanage.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wareham and Purbeck
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District for the year 1959.

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease and the health of the district, in general, remained satisfactory throughout the year.

The number of births registered were eight more, and the number of deaths registered were five fewer than in 1958.

It is pleasing to be able to report the completion and operation of the first stage of the comprehensive water scheme, and the commencement on the schemes for sewering the principal villages in the district.

The total number of permanent houses built was twenty-five more than in 1958, but the number of applicants on the waiting list for Council houses increased by thirty-six. There is still no difficulty in finding urgent cases for rehousing especially in the parishes of Wool, Wareham St. Martin and Lytchett Minster.

After twenty years in office accommodation which was unsuitable and inconvenient not only for the staff but for the public who had to visit the office, this report comes from the new office accommodation at the County Council's Health Centre, Swanage, which was occupied in November, 1959.

The report is set out in sections in the following order:-

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Once again I wish to thank the Members of the Council for their courtesy and consideration, and the Public Health Inspectors and other Officers of the Council for their co-operation throughout the year. In addition I would like to thank Mr. Grant for his assistance in preparing this report, and Mr. Flatt for his notes on the engineering aspect of water supply and sewerage.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. O'KEEFFE

Medical Officer of Health

June, 1960.

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Office accommodation and clerical assistance for the Medical Officer of Health, who is also Medical Officer of Health to the Wareham Borough Council and Swanage Urban District Council, and Assistant County Medical Officer, Dorset, are provided jointly by the Authorities concerned.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the Rural District		95,954 acres
Population	at Census 1951 ...	19,307
as estimated by Registrar General	mid 1958 ...	20,720
" " " " "	mid 1959 ...	21,100
Number of inhabited houses ...	at end of 1958 ...	5,525
	" " " 1959 ...	5,713
Rateable value at 1st. April, 1959		£191,723
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1958/1959		£805.15.3d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area comparability factors: Births 1.07 Deaths 1.21

	Total	Male	Female	Comparative Rates: Wareham R.D.	Comparative Rates: England & Wales
Live Births					
Total registered	390	209	181		
Legitimate	373	200	173		
Illegitimate	17	9	8		
Rate per 1000 population 18.5				19.8	16.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births ...				4.4	
Still Births					
Total registered	6	3	3		
Legitimate	5	2	3		
Illegitimate	1	1	-		
Rate per 1000 total live and still births				15.2	20.7
Total Live and Still Births					
Total registered	396	212	184		
Deaths					
Total registered	195	103	92		
Rate per 1000 population 9.2				11.2	11.6
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)					
Total registered	4	2	2		
Legitimate	4	2	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Infant Mortality Rates					
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births ...				10.3	22.0
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births ...				10.7	
Illegitimate" " " " illegitimate " " ...				Nil	
Infant Deaths (under 4 weeks)					
Total registered	1	-	1		
Legitimate	1	-	1		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)...				2.4	16.2
Infant deaths (under 1 week)					
Total registered	1	-	1		
Legitimate	1	-	1		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births ...				2.4	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live & still births)..				17.7	35.1
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)					
Number of deaths	Nil				
Rate per 1000 total live and still births				Nil	

CAUSES OF DEATH - YEAR 1959

(Supplied by the Registrar General)

	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	1	1
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	7	1	8
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	10	12	22
15	Leukemia, aleukemia	-	1	1
16	Diabetes	1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	10	18	28
18	Coronary disease, angina	15	7	22
19	Hypertension with heart disease... ...	1	-	1
20	Other heart diseases	17	19	36
21	Other circulatory diseases	3	3	6
22	Influenza	5	3	8
23	Pneumonia	5	5	10
24	Bronchitis	5	1	6
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	1	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	-	4	4
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	2	2
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion... ...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	2	2
32	Other defined and ill defined diseases ...	7	3	10
33	Motor vehicle accidents	4	2	6
34	All other accidents	4	2	6
35	Suicide	1	2	3
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total	103	92	195

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

By the time this report appears the Council's Water Undertaking will have come under the control of the newly formed Poole and East Dorset Water Board.

Although the Council readily agreed to the formation of the new Water Board it was not, I am sure, without a tinge of regret that they saw the undertaking pass from their control, for the Council had during the past 20 years or so surmounted a whole gamut of frustrations ranging from war time restrictions and abortive boring at the outset to delays in agreements, reluctant consents, and credit squeeze in later years, in bringing their main comprehensive scheme to a point where the first stage of the scheme was completed before the date of take over.

There was no change in the sources of water supply in the district during the year. The first stage of the comprehensive scheme for the district was completed and the supply to Bovington Camp was commenced in June. The Council continued to supply the Atomic Energy Establishment, Winfrith. New water supplies were also brought into operation in the Cold Harbour and Harmans Cross areas of the district.

Samples of water taken for bacteriological examination during the year totalled 118. 59 samples were taken from public supplies, 8 from private estate supplies and 51 from private wells and springs. The results of bacteriological examinations of the samples are given on page 5. 95 per cent of samples from public supplies, 87.5 per cent of samples from private estate supplies and 40 per cent of samples from private wells and springs were reported as satisfactory. Where samples from public and private estate supplies were reported as unsatisfactory the result was in no case found to be due to pollution of the water supply.

Statutory Areas of Supply of Water Undertakings Within the District

Poole Corporation Supply

The parishes of Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers; so much of the parish of Morden as lies to the north of an imaginary straight line commencing at the most westerly extremity of the parish of Lytchett Matravers and running in a direction west by north terminating at the southernmost extremity of the parish of Sturminster Marshall, and so much of the parish of Wareham St. Martin as lies to the east of an imaginary line drawn parallel to and 200 yards to the west of the main road from Blandford to Wareham.

Swanage Urban District Council's Supply

The parish of Langton Matravers and the village of Corfe Castle.

Lulworth Castle Estate Supply

The parish of West Lulworth.

Main Comprehensive Scheme

The Briantspuddle pumping station was completed in June thus the first stage of the scheme was completed which includes the 2 m.g. reservoir on Blackhill, 15" main from Briantspuddle to Blackhill, 18" and 15" main to East Burton and 9" and 6" main to Bovington Camp.

The Atomic Energy Establishment at Winfrith has used about 2 million gallons per month, and since June Bovington Camp has been supplied with 7 million gallons of water per month.

The total output from the new pump at Briantspuddle has averaged approximately 11 million gallons per month.

Village District Schemes

These are schemes for the supply of water from local sources until water becomes available from the main Briantspuddle source, and are planned so that the greater part of the installation and distributing mains can be used when the main comprehensive scheme is developed. Schemes have already been completed for supplying Church Knowle, Bloxworth, Morden, Winfrith, Stoborough, Ridge, Acton, Harmans Cross and Cold Harbour areas.

Harmans Cross

In this scheme the water is to be taken in bulk from the Swanage Urban District Council's supply via the Rural District Council's reservoir at Acton. Work was completed in May and comprised some 4,400 yards of 4" and 560 yards of 3" main. Services have been laid to about 115 properties.

Wool

In this scheme water will be taken from the Council's main from Briantspuddle to the Atomic Energy Establishment, Winfrith, to supply the village of Wool. The Contract for the first stage of the Wool scheme was signed, but to date progress has been restricted to the sewage disposal works incorporated in the same contract.

Cold Harbour

This is a scheme to take water in bulk from the Wareham Borough Council's supply for distribution in the Cold Harbour area. The scheme came into operation in November and comprises some 3,600 yards of 3" main and a small booster station.

Studland

This scheme is still in abeyance.

Public Piped Supplies

Acton and Harmans Cross from a bulk supply taken from Swanage Urban District Council's supply.

Affpuddle, Turners Puddle, Bere Regis, Bovington Camp and the Atomic Energy Establishment, Winfrith, from the Briantspuddle source. This water is derived from a deep bore in the chalk at Briantspuddle and is chlorinated. Samples taken for bacteriological examination have proved satisfactory.

Bestwall area and a few houses at Worgret from the Wareham Borough Council's supply.

Cold Harbour is supplied by the Rural District Council with water purchased in bulk from Wareham Borough Council's supply.

Church Knowle, Bloxworth, Morden, Winfrith, each supplied from local sources by the Rural District Council.

Corfe Castle and Langton Matravers from the Swanage Urban District Council's supply.

Stoborough and Ridge are supplied by the Rural District Council with water purchased in bulk from the Wareham Borough Council.

Upton, Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Organford and Sandford from the Poole Corporation supply.

West Lulworth, East Lulworth and Coombe Keynes from the Lulworth Castle Estate supply.

These supplies have been satisfactory throughout the year both with regard to quantity and quality.

Privately Owned

Chaldon Herring has a standpipe supply from Lulworth Castle Estate and the water bacteriologically is highly satisfactory.

Kingston, Kimmeridge and Wool village have small piped gravity supplies from surface springs. The water, with the exception of the Kingston supply which is chlorinated, is untreated and the results of bacteriological examination of samples taken from these small supplies are variable.

Studland Village supply is derived from surface water collected on neighbouring heathland areas. The water is sand filtered and give consistent highly satisfactory results. The quantity of water available is very limited and shortage is experienced during summer months.

There has been no major alteration to the source of supply in these areas during the year.

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

The classification adopted in the following tables is based on the suggestions for the classification of water contained in the Ministry of Health Report 71 on the bacteriological examination of water supplies.

Supply	Parish	No. of Samples	Satis-factory	Suspi-cious	Unsatis-factory
(1) Public Supplies					
Wareham & Purbeck R.D.C.	Cold Harbour	2	2	-	-
	Bere Regis	12	12	-	-
	Briantspuddle	4	4	-	-
	Church Knowle	8	7	1	-
	Bloxworth	6	6	-	-
	Winfrith	9	8	-	1
	Arne	1	1	-	-
Swanage U.D.C.	Langton Matravers	15	14	-	1
	Corfe Castle	1	1	-	-
Poole Corp.	Wareham St. Martin	1	1	-	-
(2) Village Piped Supplies Privately Owned					
Private Estate Supplies	Studland	3	3	-	-
	West Lulworth	1	1	-	-
	East Stoke	2	1	-	1
	Wool (Council houses)	1	1	-	-
	Kingston	1	1	-	-
(3) Individual Wells and Supplies					
Private wells, springs etc.	Lytchett Matravers	3	3	-	-
	East Stoke	8	1	2	5
	Moreton	8	6	-	2
	Bere Regis	5	1	2	2
	Worth Matravers	7	3	2	2
	Corfe Castle	4	1	2	1
	Wool	7	4	1	2
	Langton Matravers	4	-	-	4
	Winfrith	3	1	-	2
	Chaldon Herring	1	-	-	1
	Lytchett Minster	1	-	-	1

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

It is gratifying to be able to report that progress is now being made with the sewering of the principal villages in the district. Work commenced on the Upton and Wool schemes during the year and it is hoped that in due course the villages of Corfe Castle, Bere Regis and Studland will be sewered.

There are main sewerage systems in the villages of West Lulworth, Langton Matravers and Briantspuddle, and in the Sandford and Bestwall areas of the parish of Wareham St. Martin. Where there are no public sewerage systems the Council's housing estates in the various parishes have their own small sewage disposal units. The majority of the newer houses in the district have cesspool drainage and the Council maintains a cesspool emptying service. Many of the older cottage properties have pail closet sanitation.

Sewerage Schemes

Upton

Work commenced on this scheme in August and progress was fairly good in view of the weather, and altogether about 20% of the contract was finished by the end of the year.

Wool

The construction of the sewage disposal plant began at the end of October and was about 15% completed by the end of the year.

Sandford

The Sandford sewerage was extended in October when 140 yards of 6" diameter sewer was laid.

Langton Matravers

The Council have accepted a tender for laying sewers in Arundel Terrace and Tom's Field which is an extension of the village sewerage system. Ministry approval was awaited at the end of the year.

Corfe Castle

A sewerage scheme for this village which was the subject of a Ministry of Health Inquiry in 1947 has been in abeyance. It is hoped that a revised up-to-date scheme will be submitted in the near future for the necessary approvals.

Public Conveniences

Corfe Castle

The Rural District Council provided a public convenience in 1951 to meet the need of tourists visiting this village.

Lulworth Cove

Conveniences are provided at Lulworth Cove by the Owner of the beach to meet the need of visitors.

Studland

Conveniences are provided at both ends of the beach by the Owner to meet the needs of visitors. The Council converted the old telephone exchange into public conveniences in the village area and were open to the public in August 1958.

Number of houses connected to public sewers and number of cesspools abolished during the year

Parish	No. of Connections to Sewer	No. of Cesspools abolished
Langton Matravers	5	Nil
Wareham St. Martin		
(a) Sandford	39	Nil
(b) Bestwall	Nil	Nil
West Lulworth	Nil	Nil
Briantspuddle	9	7

Public Sewerage Systems

1 Parish	2 Locality	3 No. of houses connected to sewer	4 No. of houses within 100 ft which could be connected to sewer	5 Total houses in parish	6 Percent Col.4 connected to sewer	7 Percent Col. 5 connected to sewer
Langton Matravers	Village	142	232	353	61.2	40.1
Wareham St. Martin	Sandford Bestwall	254	260	492	97.7 100.0	51.6 100.0
Affpuddle	Briants-puddle	54	65	119	83.0	45.3
West Lulworth	Village	151	154	212	97.0	71.0

Remarks:

The West Lulworth sewage which is untreated is discharged into the sea in the deep water to the west of Lulworth Cove. Sandford sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration; the effluent is discharged into the River Piddle. Bestwall sewage is discharged untreated into the adjoining Wareham Borough Sewer. Langton Matravers sewage is discharged untreated into the Swanage Urban District Council's sewerage system. Briantspuddle sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration; the effluent ultimately reaches the River Piddle.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

House Refuse

A fortnightly collection was maintained with increasing difficulty due to the number of buildings being erected throughout the district. However, a new refuse collection vehicle is on order and delivery is expected in the near future.

Refuse Disposal

The refuse of the whole district is disposed of in a large disused gravel pit on an uninhabited heathland site; there has been no complaint of nuisance or rat infestation arising from the site. The area surrounding the tip tends to become unsightly due to wind scattering paper and it is understood that steps are being taken to control this.

Litter baskets

Twenty-five litter baskets have been installed at lay-bys and other suitable places and a regular collection has been in operation since mid August.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of the Public Health Inspectors' Work for the Year 1959

Total Number of Inspections and Visits

Complaints and Nuisances	
Investigated	141
Visits	149
Housing	
Housing Acts	
Number of houses inspected for defects	130
Visits for such purposes	136
Houses requiring repair	23
Houses overcrowded	14
Revisits	4
Public Health Acts	
Number of houses inspected	149
Number of houses requiring repair	36
Visits	159
Drainage	
Inspection of cesspools, septic tanks, etc.	322
Drains reconstructed or repaired	5
Drains tested	149
Cesspool drainage connected to sewer	7
Effluents sampled	Nil
Water samples	
Visits	126
Samples	118
Registered and Other Premises	
Moveable dwellings	51
Schools	8
Public Premises (Cinemas, Lavatories etc.)	12
Piggeries and stables	17
Factories	57
Infectious and Other Diseases	
Number of houses visited	13
Visits	13
Disinfections carried out	13
Bedding and other clothing disinfected	4
Verminous Premises	
Number of houses visited	10
Number of visits	10
Disinfestations	6
Bedding and other clothing disinfected	9
Food	
Visits	
Food premises - Stores, Shops, Stalls, etc.	201
Slaughterhouses, Butchers shops	552
Bakehouses	30
Dairies, Milkshops	23
Food Sampling	
Milk samples	22
Ice Cream	67
Diseases of Animals	
Number of visits	8
Abatement of Nuisances - Public Health Acts	
Nuisances investigated	141
Informal notices served	32
Statutory notices served	-
Number of nuisances abated after (a) Informal action ...	19
(b) Statutory action ...	-
Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31.12.59 ...	13
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding 31.12.59 ...	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All milk sold by retail in the district is either pasteurised, tuberculin tested pasteurised or tuberculin tested, as the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District is part of a specified area under Section 45 of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950.

Number of Milk Distributors on Register 31.12.59	16
Number of Dairy premises on Register 31.12.59	3
Visits made to dairies during the year	23
Number of notices served on owners with respect to dairies...	2
Number of notices complied with	2

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1949 - 1953

The following licences granted by this Local Authority were in force at the end of the year -

Number of Dealers Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	8
Number of Dealers Licences for Pasteurised Milk	20
Number of Supplementary Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	6
Number of Supplementary Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk ...	8

In addition one pasteurising establishment in the district is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority.

Milk Sampling

The following are particulars of the 222 samples of milk taken in the district by the Food and Drugs Authority. Copies of the reports on all samples are sent to the District Medical Officer of Health -

Designation	No. of Samples	Results of tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	145	145	-	145	-
Tuberculin tested	29	29	-		
Pasteurised T.T.	48	48	-	48	-

Some 19 samples of milk from Tuberculin Tested cows were taken and submitted for the Brucella Ring Test and of these 7 were found to be positive.

As a result of a complaint the following samples were taken and submitted to the public analyst for the butter fat content -

	Butter Fat	Solids not Fat
Sample 1	3.5%	8.72%
Sample 2 (Pasteurised)	3.45%	8.6%
Sample 3 (Channel Island)	4.2%	8.6%

Ice Cream

During the year there were 11 new registrations for the sale of Ice-Cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. This brings the total number of premises on the register to 109.

67 samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Methylene Blue Reductase test with the following results -

No of Samples	Provisional Grades
65	Grade 1
2	" 2
Nil	" 3
Nil	" 4

Meat and Other Foods

Meat

The three slaughterhouses originally licensed by this Council in 1954 have continued in use throughout the year.

They are:-

(1) Parkstone & Bournemouth Co-Operative Society Slaughterhouse Palmerston Road, Upton.

(2) J. W. Moss, West Street, Corfe Castle.

(3) T. E. Applin & Sons, 85, West Street, Bere Regis.

Once again I am able to report that a 100% meat inspection service has been maintained throughout the year some 552 inspections having been paid. The following table indicates the details of carcases inspected.

		Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
No. of animals killed		670	1197	209	4132	8888
No. of carcases inspected		670	1197	209	4132	8888
All diseases except T.B.	Carcases condemned	-	9	4	22	36
	Carcases of which some part was condemned	120	471	4	726	1981
	Percentage	17.9	40.1	3.8	18.1	22.6
T.B. only	Carcases condemned	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	1
	Carcases of which some part was condemned	1	12	Nil	Nil	59
	Percentage	0.1	1.1	Nil	Nil	0.6

Total weight of meat and offal condemned - 11 tons, 15 cwts, 3 qtrs, 26 lbs.

In addition some 6 carcases were found to be infected with Cysticercus Bovis. The infected organs were condemned and the carcases detained in freeze for 21 days.

This gives an incidence of 0.3%

Knackers Yards

The two knackers yards in the district were regularly inspected and conditions in both were found to be satisfactory throughout the year.

Watercress

From January to August a series of weekly visits was made to the watercress beds within the district and samples taken of both the cress and the water supplying the beds. All samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis and a summary of the results is set out in the following table. The results of the sampling bear out the remarks made in last year's report, that it does not seem possible to lay down rigid bacteriological standards for watercress or the water in which it is grown. Provided the water at the source of supply to the cress beds is of the bacteriological standard of a reasonable good well water, and in the absence of any obvious sources of pollution and with reasonable methods of handling, undue importance should not be attached to occasional high B. coli counts obtained from watercress exposed for sale.

Nature of Sample	Point of Sampling	Number of Samples							
		Entirely negative	Coliforms without Faecal Coli	Faecal coli per 100 gms.					
				1-10	11-25	26-50	51-100	101-180	180+
Water-cress	Direct from cress beds	1				1			
	In transit to washing shed		1			1	2		
	Washing shed	8							
	Bunching Shed								
	Prior to bunching	13	5	1	1	2	2		
	After bunching	31	15	13	3	10	5		2
				Faecal coli per 100 ml.					
Water	Cress bed inlet	73	7	18	5	2	1	1	2
	Cress bed outlet			1					
	Storage tank inlet	4							
	Storage tank outlet								1
	Direct from spring beds								2

Food Premises

(1) No. of Food Premises by type of business in the district

Grocery & General Provisions	63	Green Groceries	6
Sweets - Confectioners	12	Bakehouses	7
Fried Fish Shops	3	Butchers Shops	8
Hotels and Public Houses	31	Slaughterhouses	3
Cafes & Restaurants	30		

(2) No. of Food Premises by type registered

(a) Under section 16 Food and Drugs Act 1955

Manufacturers of sausages etc.	6
Fish frying	3
Sale of ice cream	109

(b) Under Milk and Dairies Regulation

Dairy premises	4

(3) No. of inspections of Registered Food Premises

Premises for manufacture of sausages	12
Fish frying premises	9
Ice cream "	67
Dairy "	23

HOUSING

The statistics of the Rural Housing Survey completed in 1956 are tabulated below in an amended form after making allowances for the construction of new houses, the demolition of unfit houses and re-categorisation of others following improvement grants.

Total	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat. 4	Cat. 5
5371	2352	621	833	1142	423

A moderate policy for the demolition of unfit properties or slum clearance has been pursued with the result that 6 demolition orders or undertakings have either been made or accepted.

The number of applications for improvement grants increased slightly from the previous years total, and during the year some 63 applications for grant were approved.

Housing Inspections

(1) Inspections of Dwelling Houses during the year

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under both Public Health and Housing Acts) ... 271

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 285

(ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925-32 4

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 4

(iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be prejudicial to health and unfit for habitation 6

(iv) Number of dwelling houses (inclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-heading) not found to be in all respects fit for habitation 65

(2) Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective premises rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority 60

(3) Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act 1936, and Secs. 9 Housing Act, 1957

(i) Number of houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... Nil

(ii) Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.

(a) by owners ... ... Nil

(b) by Local Authority ... ... Nil

(b) Proceedingsunder Public Health Acts

(i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4

(ii) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by service of Formal Notices

(a) by owners 3

(b) by Local Authority ... ... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Secs. 11 and 13, Housing Act 1936, and Secs. 16, 17 and 18, Housing Act 1957

(i) (a) Demolition Orders made 2

(b) Undertakings not to use for human habitation until rendered fit - accepted 2

(ii) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2

(d) Proceedings under Sec. 12 Housing Act 1936, and Sec. 18 Housing Act 1957

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made ... Nil

(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined the tenement or underground room having been made fit ... Nil

(4) Housing Financial Provisions Act 1958, Sec. 30 - Improvement Grants (Discretionary)

Number of enquiries received during 1959	101
Number of applications previously approved but completed in 1959 ...	33
Number of separate dwellings provided	39
Number of applications submitted during 1959	64
Number of dwellings concerned	67
Number of applications approved	63
Number of dwellings concerned	66
Number of applications refused	1
Number of schemes completed during 1959	15
Number of dwellings concerned	15
Number of schemes under construction at 31.12.59	34
Number of applications approved but not yet started	14
Number of dwellings concerned	15
Number of applications withdrawn	Nil

(5) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Improvement Grants (Standard)

Number of applications for Standard Grant received	2
Number of applications for Standard Grant approved	2
Number of applications completed	1
Number of applications started but not yet completed	1

(6) New Houses

Total number of new houses erected during 1959

(i)(a) Permanent	164
(b) Prefabricated	1
(ii) Temporary	Nil

Number erected during 1959 with State Assistance

(i) by Local Authority	
(a) Permanent	16
(b) Prefabricated	Nil
(ii) by other bodies or persons	Nil
Number of permanent houses erected during 1959 by Private Enterprise	149
Number of temporary dwellings erected	Nil
Number of houses owned by the Local Authority	955

Control of Moveable Dwellings

During the year the Council approved, under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936, the issue of 7 licences to station individual moveable dwellings.

Licences in force at 31.12.59

(1) Sites	39
(2) Individual Caravans	97

HOUSING PROGRESS - 1959

Parish	Houses completed 1959	In course of construction at end of 1959	Total houses owned 31.12.59	Proposed Houses 1960	No. of Applicants on housing list 31.12.59
Affpuddle	2	-	7	-	4
Arne	-	-	48	-	16
Bere Regis	2	-	78	-	17
Bloxworth	-	-	8	-	1
Chaldon Herring	-	-	8	-	1
Church Knowle	-	-	6	-	1
Coombe Keynes	-	-	6	-	-
Corfe Castle	-	4	58	4	27
East Holme	-	-	-	-	-
East Lulworth	-	-	6	-	-
East Stoke	-	-	10	-	6
Kimmeridge	-	-	-	-	-
Langton Matravers	2	-	44	-	17
Lytchett Matravers	6	-	92	-	17
Lytchett Minster *	2	-	138(6)*	6	60
Morden	-	-	22	-	5
Moreton	-	-	6	-	3
Steeple	-	-	4	-	-
Studland	-	-	42	-	6
Turners Puddle	-	-	-	-	-
Tyneham	Military Training Area				
Wareham St. Martin	2	14(PR)	106(50)	22(PR)	70
West Lulworth	-	-	22	-	16
Winfrith Newburgh	-	-	32	-	13
Wool	-	20	66	-	49
-do- (Bovington)	-	10	140	-	47
Worth Matravers	-	-	6	-	5
	16	48	955(56)	10 22(PR)	381 Ø

* 40 B.D.H. dwellings subsidised by the Government NOT included
Figures in brackets() indicate temporary prefabricated bungalows included in totals.
PR. indicates prefab. replacements.
Ø includes approximately 35 transfer applications.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease in the district during 1959. No case of diphtheria, acute poliomyelitis or food poisoning was notified. Deaths due to notifiable infectious disease were - one from respiratory tuberculosis and ten due to pneumonia. Influenza, not a notifiable infectious disease, was the cause of eight deaths compared with three in 1958.

Scarlet Fever

Twenty-three cases of scarlet fever were notified compared with five in the previous year and this figure is the highest for some years. The infection appears to have been relatively mild and no case was admitted to hospital.

Whooping cough

Nine cases of whooping cough were notified compared with twenty-seven in 1958. The severity and complications of this distressing disease of young children appears to have markedly declined in recent years. It is hoped that the reduction in cases of this disease will remain permanent as the result of the number of children being immunised at an early age.

Measles

Three hundred and fifteen cases of measles were notified. This disease remains relatively mild and in no case was the illness so severe as to render admission to hospital necessary.

Tuberculosis

Seven new cases of tuberculosis were notified compared with 15 in the previous year.

Immunisation

Schemes for immunisation are administered in the area by the County Council, as the Local Health Authority. Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, is carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres, and by the family doctors.

Immunisation against smallpox is carried out by the family doctors.

Immunisation with B.C.G. of the older age group children, is carried out at schools in the area by the medical officers of the Local Health Authority.

In the case of immunisation against poliomyelitis, special sessions at schools and evening sessions are arranged when necessary.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The scheme for immunisation against poliomyelitis was expanded to include all ages up to 26 years, and also to provide for a third dose of vaccine not less than seven months after the second injection.

In addition, priority groups include medical practitioners and families, ambulance workers, expectant mothers and nurses.

Vaccination and Immunisation Statistics Wareham R.D. 1959

(Primary and Booster Doses)

B.C.G.	Poliomyelitis		Diphtheria		Whooping cough		Tetanus		Smallpox	
	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B
106	1,674	3,733	302	292	250	15	251	16	257	121

Notifications (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet fever	1	5	4	13	23	-
Whooping cough	2	5	2	-	9	-
Measles	81	195	38	1	315	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory	2	2	1	2	7	1
" Meninges and C.N.S.	1	-	-	-	1	1
" other forms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia	7	1	-	-	8	1
Puerperal pyrexia	2	3	-	-	5	4
Meningococcal infection	-	1	-	-	1	1

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1959

Disease	Total	Age Groups									
		Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5 -9	10- 14	15-24	25& Ov.	A.U
Scarlet fever	23	-	-	1	-	3	16	3	-	-	-
Whooping cough	9	1	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	1	-
Measles	315	5	9	27	14	35	173	45	4	2	1
Meningococcal infection	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Under 5	5 - 14		15 - 44		45-64		65 & Ov.		A.U.
Ac. Pneumonia	8		1		1		1		5		-
		Under 5	5 -14		15- 24		25-44	45-64	65 & Ov		A.U
Tuberculosis - respiratory	7	-	-		3		3	-	1		-
" Meninges and C.N.S	1	-	1		-		-	-	-		-

Scabies and Verminous Conditions

There were no cases of scabies or of verminous conditions reported during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47. Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises

It was not found necessary to take formal action under this section of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		In-spections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	18	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	64	24	8	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	52	15	10	Nil
Total ...	129	57	19	Nil

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Re-medied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness(S)1	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences(S7)					
(a) Insufficient	18	18	-	7	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total ...	19	19	-	7	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd.by Sec. 110(1)(e)	No. of cases of de-fault in sending lists to Council	No.of Pro-secutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of in-stances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Pro-secu-tions
Wearing apparel (making etc. cleaning & washing)	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other work .... Nil						

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